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report on harbor facilities along Lake Balaton. Harbors discussed are those at Balatonföldvár, Tihany, Balatonfüred, and Siofok. Included are rough sketches of the harbor layouts.

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The harbour at BALATON-FÖLDVÁR is only used for small lake steamers carrying passengers and light freight. There are no loading facilities other than a very small mobile crane, capable of lifting no more than 10 cwt. There is a small dockside office for the issue of steamer tickets.

2. A sketch of the harbour is attached as Appendix 'A'.

BALATON-TIHANY

3. Facilities at BALATON-TIHANY are limited to a very simple jetty. There are NO mechanised loading or storage facilities whatever. A sketch of the jetty is attached as Appendix 'B'.

BALATON-FÜRED

4. There is a **very** simple jetty for the berthing of the lake steamers. There are NO storage facilities on the jetty, and only one very small mobile crane.
5. To the West of the jetty there appears to be a small shipyard complex. This consists of a very small slipway, flanked on either side by a large crane. No building activity was observed on this slipway. There are also two large hangar-

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typo sheds to the West of this slipway. The shed on the waterfront (see Appendix 'C') contains a slipway, and building activity could be observed in it.

6. The BALATON-FURED shipyards are stated to build only yachts and a "very few barges".

SIOFOK.

7. There is a fairly large sheltered harbour at SIOFOK (see Appendix 'D'). Passenger steamers berth in the inner harbour where there are NO loading facilities, except of a purely mobile nature. The outer harbour, which is much larger, has one dockside shed on the East quay, with two medium-sized cranes. No details could be observed of the West quay.

8. The SIOFOK Canal leads into the harbour at the South end of the inner harbour. The lock gates and weir appear to be of recent construction. Full details of the lock gates could not be observed, owing to security regulations, but they appeared to be controlled from overhead gantries (see sketch at Appendix 'D').

9. The canal itself appears to be in extremely good repair. The sides of the canal have been lined with stone blocks for at least a mile South of SIOFOK. It passes under the road and rail bridges some 200 yards South of the harbour. Both of these are single span girder constructions, resting on two concrete piers. The railway bridge carries a primitive footpath on its North side.

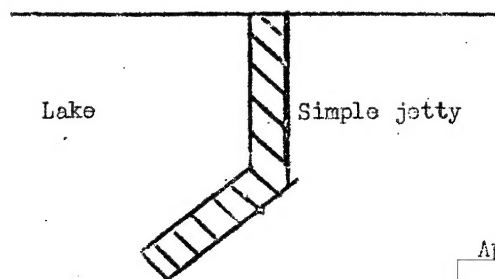
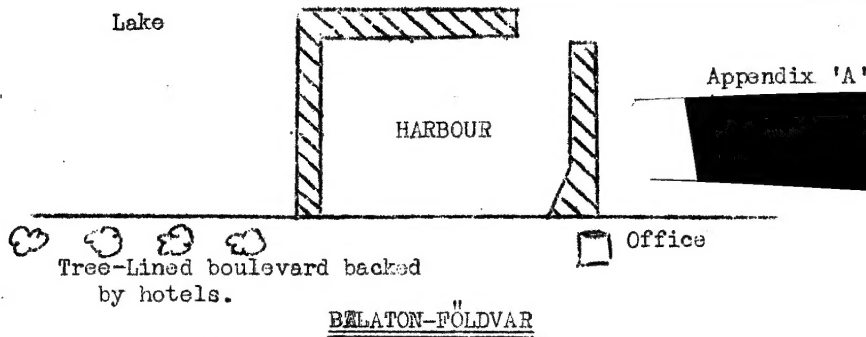
The canal was under observation for at least an hour on two occasions, and at no time was any traffic seen.

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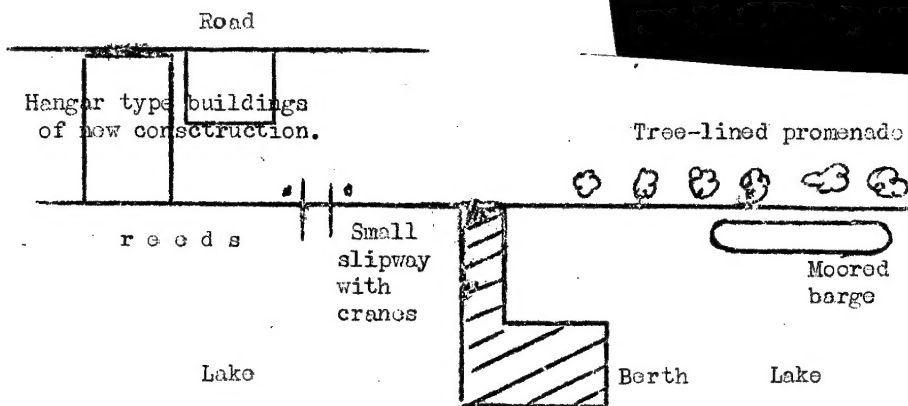


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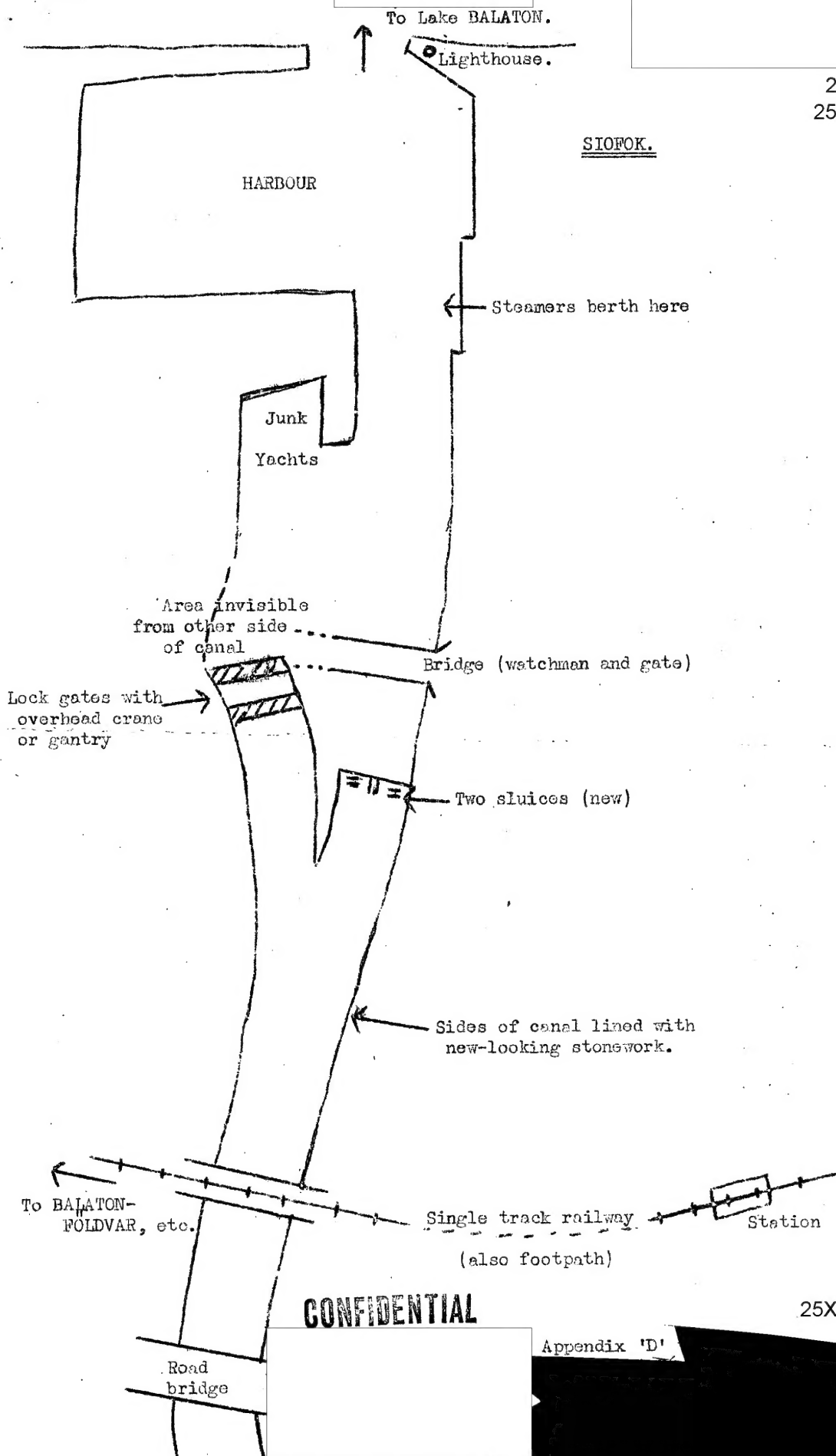
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